

## **ExpoFacts: A European Exposure Factors Database**

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The Finnish Public Health Institute (KTL) recently released the ExpoFacts European Exposure Factors database at [www.ktl.fi/expofacts](http://www.ktl.fi/expofacts). The goal of the ExpoFacts project was to create a European reference resource for exposure factors data specific to European populations. The project was patterned after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA) *Exposure Factors Handbook*, which has been widely used by European researchers. The ExpoFacts project was developed as a freely accessible Internet database. The scope of the ExpoFacts database covers 30 European countries. The database includes information on food intake, time use, physiology, housing, and demographic parameters, including distributional data, as available. Information on data quality is also found on the Web site. The database scope includes demographic information in order to allow the database to be used as a tool for population-wide exposure modeling and risk assessment.

U.S. EPA members provided external peer review of the ExpoFacts database.

Also, the approach used to summarize child mouthing data for the International Life Sciences Institute Health and Environmental Sciences Institute Technical Committee on Risk Assessment Methodologies Residential Exposure Factors Database, a project in which the U.S. EPA participated, was shared with the ExpoFacts project team.